

# TRONOX

June 8, 2006

Mr. Neil E. Thompson  
US EPA Region X  
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Re: May 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for May 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

## May Activities

The fenced enclosures surrounding the cap and landfill facilities were inspected and are in good condition. The gates are closed and locked. The 10-acre pond currently contains approximately 19 inches of water at the south end of the pond.

The reclaimed area to the south of the calcine cap above the reclaimed scrubber pond will be monitored through 2006. Vegetative growth from reclamation seeding is beginning to appear on the re-graded surface. The area will be monitored for weed growth, erosion and settlement.

In early May, Tronox met with IDEQ to discuss the draft landfill design submittal and the greater than anticipated water levels in the 10-acre pond. IDEQ is currently reviewing the landfill document.

Tronox is continuing to investigate the suitability of the use of heated water evaporators to eliminate the pond water. Tronox is also performing pan evaporation testing of the pond water and accelerating evaporation within the containment of the pond by pumping to the beach areas.

Between May 15 and May 17 the first round of ground and surface water sampling event for 2006 was completed. Samples were shipped on ice to the lab under chain of custody and received at the lab in good condition. Analytical results are expected to be received by mid to late June.

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### June/July Activities

During the months of June and July, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill, 10-acre pond and the completed drainage improvements. Tronox will measure the water level in the landfill sump in June and July and pump water from the sump to a nearby concrete basin as necessary. Tronox will also continue pumping water to the pond beach area within containment of the 10-acre pond to accelerate the reduction in volume and collect pan evaporative data.

Results from the May 2006 sampling event will be received in June. These results will be reviewed, and data appended to the database following data validation. Work will also commence on the annual comprehensive report of ground and surface water quality in July following review of the data.

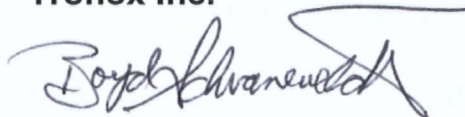
No community relation activities are planned for this period.

### Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,  
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